

Classic Chinese tale

## Waterfall

to cheer. Old and young, male and female, they all knelt down, shouting, "Long live our Monkey King!"

"Wait, wait!" the curious monkey cried. "Our king is so amazing and brave. I think we should call him Magnificent Monkey King!"

"Long live Magnificent Monkey King!" the voice of the monkeys now echoed through the stone palaces and gardens.

As for Magnificent Monkey King, he laughed as he had never laughed before, just thinking of all the things he might now do.

(To be continued...)

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## Activity Guide



## VOCABULARY

**bathed** in brilliant light, (adjective)  
under a bright light  
great **chamber**, (noun)  
a large room, especially a large open area in a cave, like a gigantic room  
**delicate** tables, (adj.)  
fine, beautifully designed  
**gurgling** streams, (adj.)  
making an uneven but soft bubbling sound  
**jewelled** throne, (adj.)  
covered with jewels, like diamonds, rubies, or emeralds  
green **marble**, (n)  
a stone that can be highly polished, a kind of limestone  
**sheer** silk, (adj.)  
a very fine transparent fabric  
**utterly** overcome, (adverb)  
to the highest degree



## Just the Facts

1. What was Monkey's favourite food?
2. What were the tables, chairs and other furniture in the cave made of?
3. What new name did the monkeys give to Stone Monkey?

## Between the Lines

4. What amazed Stone Monkey when he looked behind the waterfall?
5. Why did Stone Monkey think the cave was made for him?
6. Why did the other monkeys think that Stone Monkey must have drowned?

## Let's Discuss

7. Who do you think created the cave with its plants, furniture and other treasures?
8. How did the monkeys feel about Stone Monkey?
9. Make a prediction: What do you think Monkey King will want to do next?

## In the Real World

Look through newspaper ads to find items that you would want to have in your dream home. Paste the items on a piece of paper. Then write a paragraph describing your dream home.

## Competition

Hey kids!!! Send in your answers to the Activity Guide for each chapter and win great prizes, with the compliments of Vijitha Yapa Bookshops. The best entry each week will be awarded a book voucher for Rs. 1,000. These weekly entries will also be eligible for lots of exciting prizes at the Grand Monkey King Competition at the end of the serial story.

Remember that parents and teachers can help you with these activities. Prizes will be awarded for the best and most creative answers. Your entry should be certified by the parents or teachers who help you.

So come on kids! Get started on your Activity Guide and look out for more details next week.